



**STIRLING HOUSE
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Quarterly Update

DMS Stirling House Balanced Fund

30th June 2020

Investment Objective

To provide a balance of income and capital growth over the medium to long term.

Investment Policy

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by gaining exposure generally to money market instruments, fixed interest securities, cash and near cash, with some exposure to global equities.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other transferable securities and collective investment schemes which may have exposure to alternatives such as commodities, loans, hedge funds, private equity and property.

The Fund may make use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management.

Fund Performance can also be viewed online at
www.TrustNet.com
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This factsheet has been issued by Stirling House Financial Services Ltd who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under the firm reference 413234.

Notes

For further details before making an investment please ask your Financial Adviser for the full Prospectus or KIID, or contact DMS Investment Management Services (UK) Limited directly, or visit www.dmsgovernance.com website.

* Under normal circumstances this charge will be waived, contact Stirling House Financial Services Ltd for further clarification.

**This figure was calculated as of 31/12/2019 for the A ACC share class and includes the annual management fees and the fund administration charges.

Performance Commentary

The second quarter of 2020 has undoubtedly been one of the sharpest economic downturns in modern history. Potentially surprising then, that it has coincided with one of the sharpest recoveries in asset markets, with every major asset class offering positives returns on the quarter. Since April, the backdrop has become more positive; global equity markets recovered the majority of losses from Q1, Gold made new highs and fixed income markets rallied on sizeable QE packages.

Following a similar trend to Q1, the top performers in the market were predominantly those exposed to the working from home trends, specifically those in the information technology sector, namely, Amazon, Microsoft and ASML. In contrast, travel exposed business continued to languish from the

effects of quarantining and domestic lockdowns. The funds removed exposure to this sector in Q1.

Having reduced equity positions in mid-February before the majority of the fall in equity markets, the fund added back to equities in mid-April once the scope and magnitude of government and central bank support became apparent. In terms of individual transactions, the fund has sold positions in Pfizer and Diageo, reinvesting the proceeds by adding to Amgen and investing in Colgate, which has significant growth prospects in emerging markets and starting a new position in Splunk, a leader in machine learning and data management for large corporations, a rapidly expanding area as the global economy becomes progressively more automated and digitalised.

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2020

Fund Facts

Fund Structure	NURS (Non-UCITS Retail Fund)
Fund Launch Date	18 February 2013
Fund Currency	GBP
Registered for Sale	Authorised in the UK by the FCA
Initial Charges*	5%
Ongoing Charge**	1.50%
Fund Dealing	Daily
Cut-Off Point	12 noon on a Dealing Day
Pricing Frequency	Daily
Target Return Benchmark	RPI + 3%
IMA Sector	Unclassified Sector

Launch Price	£1.00	Inc Class	£1.00
Minimum Investment	£5,000		£5,000
Annual Management Fee	0.70%		0.70%

Codes	Acc Class	Inc Class
SEDOL	B99R167	B99R178
ISIN	GB00B99R1674	GB00B99R1781

Investment Manager

Sarasin & Partners LLP is a London-based asset management group that manages investments on behalf of charities, institutions, intermediaries, pension funds and private clients, from the UK and around the world. The group employs 220 people and manages approximately £14.6 billion*.

Sarasin & Partners is known both as a market leader in thematic investment and for long-term income and dividend management across multi-asset and equity mandates. Consistent with a longer-term approach is a commitment to “stewardship” principles, embedding environmental, social and governance considerations into the investment process.

Sarasin & Partners is 55% owned by Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd and 45% owned by its London-based partners.

J. Safra Sarasin Group is one of the largest private banking groups in Switzerland. As at the end of December 2018 it managed total client assets of approximately £132 billion and employed around 2,151 staff.

*Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2020

Stirling House

Stirling House Financial Services Limited was established in 2003 as an independently owned firm specialising in the provision of face-to-face financial advice.

We have a proven track record in providing investment advice and with our close partnership with Sarasin have the ability to offer bespoke fund management solutions.

Our funds have been specifically designed to be managed within predefined risk constraints whilst giving investors exposure to a range of investments managed globally. This provides you with all the economies of scale and gives you access to professional fund management and expertise, allowing us to offer our Clients the opportunity of aiming to obtain consistent, superior investment performance over the long term.

The Stirling House Funds are collective investment schemes authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. This provides the reassurance that these Funds are being managed to the highest standards as one would expect as a Client of Stirling House.

Fund Outlook *from Sarasin & Partners*

Whilst social distancing strategies are coming to an end, economic and market conditions will not return to how they were before: international trade flows and supply chains will have been permanently disrupted in places; corporate borrowing costs will remain higher; balance sheets will be damaged, requiring gradual repair or rights issues; many dividends will be cut and share buybacks will be reduced.

Longer-term, technology disruption will accelerate; consumer attitudes will be cautious; governments will be less able to stimulate recovery than after the financial crisis; weaker economic growth will leave some companies struggling to grow sales and profits; investors will be much more aware, and cautious, of social and environmental ‘negative externalities’ and poor corporate governance; many shares will trade on lower valuation multiples.

For all these reasons, it is a time to remain extremely vigilant and not be complacent. Our focus remains on investments that can generate secure and growing cashflows over the long-term. It is the nature of companies to adapt and find ways of solving problems profitably and whilst not all will thrive, our conversations with different management teams has been reassuring for the majority of companies you hold.

Numerous opportunities will be driven by the shift to a more digital world; automation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, demographic trends and shifts in consumption across both emerging and the developed markets. These themes can surpass the broad measures of GDP growth and the challenges triggered by the coronavirus and provide reassurance that the majority of companies in the portfolio have good prospects beyond the current crisis.



Henning Meyer
Fund Manager



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Top 10 Key Holdings

UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/03/36 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 2.75% 07/09/24 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.75% 07/12/30 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 3.25% 22/01/44 GBP

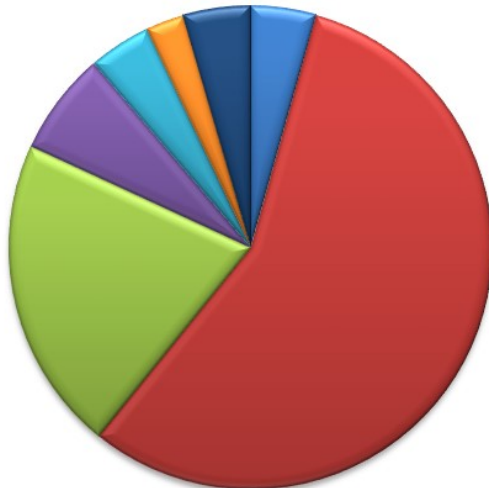
UK TSY GILT 3.50% 22/07/68 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.00% 07/03/22 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 3.75% 22/07/52 GBP
 UK TSY GILT 4.25% 07/06/32 GBP

INVESCO PHYSICAL GOLD ETC
 SARASIN RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE
 BOND-I INC

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2020

Geographic Equity Allocation

The following chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various geographic regions:



United Kingdom 4.36%
 Europe Ex-UK 21.05%
 Japan 4.19%
 Pacific Basin Ex-Japan 4.47%
 North America 56.46%
 Emerging Markets 6.89%
 Multi-Regional 2.58%

Asset Allocation

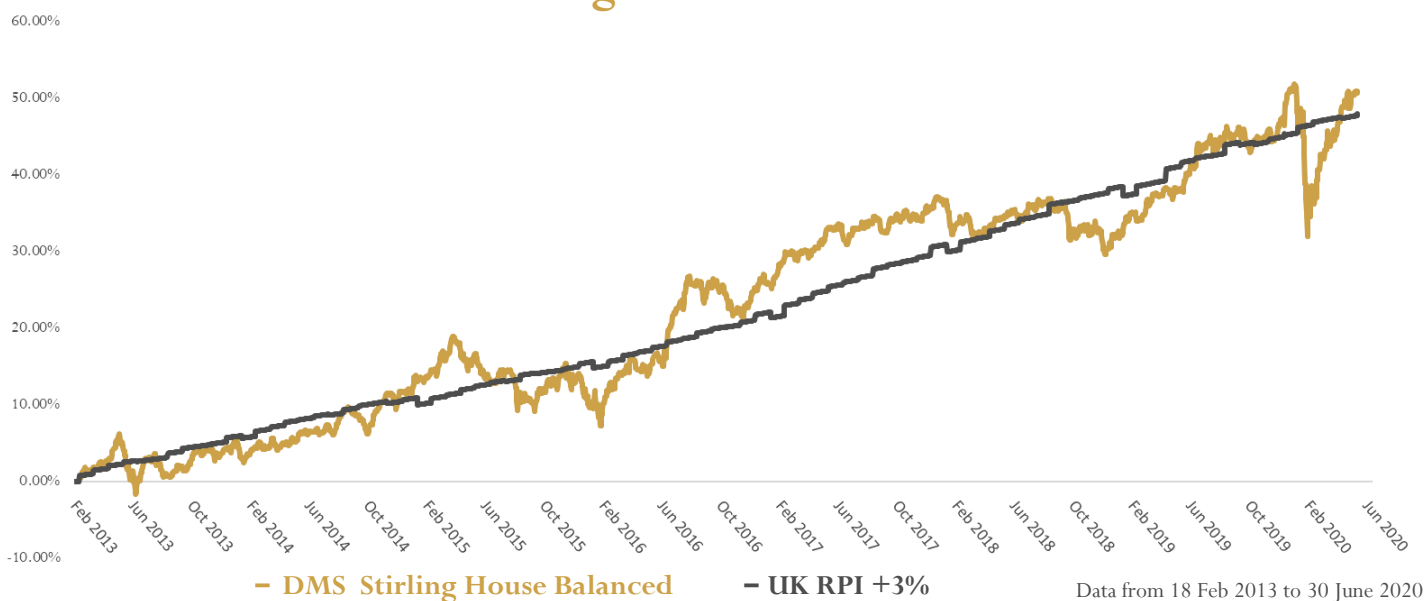
The following chart shows how the investments in the fund are proportioned over various asset classes:



Government 31.94%
 Total Equity 40.91%
 Total Alternative 5.18%
 Corporation 16.87%
 Property 0.00%
 Cash 5.10%

Source: Sarasin & Partners LLP, 30 June 2020

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Performance	01/07/2015 to 30/06/2016	01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017	01/07/2017 to 30/06/2018	01/07/2018 to 30/06/2019	01/07/2019 to 30/06/2020	19/02/2013 to 30/06/2020
DMS Stirling House Balanced	4.67%	11.52%	2.36%	4.85%	6.73%	50.69%
UK RPI +3.0%	4.68%	6.60%	6.48%	5.96%	4.11%	48.04%

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance

Source: Morningstar, 30 June 2020

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This document does not explain all the risks involved in investing in the fund and therefore you should ensure that you read the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) which contains further information including the applicable risk warnings.

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